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SUBJECT: ACYPL EXCHANGE

REF: STATE 103075

1. POST CONCURS WITH DATES MAY 23 - JUNE 1 FOR ACYPL VISIT. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: MAY 24 - POSSIBLE TOUR OF CARACAS (SOCIAL-POLITICAL AND CULTURAL FOCUS) OR FREE DAY; MAY 25 - FREE; MAY 26, 10:00 AM - BRIEFINGS BY AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, LUNCH AT A CARACAS RESTAURANT, PM SEMINAR ON VENEZUELAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND POLITICAL PARTIES WITH SMALL GROUP OF VENEZUELAN SCHOLARS, ANALYSTS, AND COMMENTATORS; EVENING FREE; MAY 27 - AM MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH AD LEADERS, PM MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH COPEI LEADERS; EVENING RECEPTION AT HOME OF EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR; MAY 28 - AM MEETINGS WITH CARACAS MUNICIPAL LEADERS, LUNCH AND MEETING WITH BUSINESSMEN, PM MEETINGS WITH VENEZUELAN LABOR GROUPS, 9:30 PM DEPART FOR MARACAIBO; MAY 31 - 7:45 PM RETURN TO CARACAS. DETAILS ON MARACAIBO VISIT FOLLOW LATER.

2. POST WILL TRY TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WHICH PROVIDE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERCHANGE. EXPECT GROUP TO COME PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT U.S. POLITICAL SCENE. ARE MEMBERS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN TV, PRESS INTERVIEWS, ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS, LECTURES, ETC.?

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3. REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF TITLE OF RICHARD OBSENSHAIN. OF

WHICH STATE IS HE CO-CHAIRMAN REPUBLICAN PARTY?

4. ALTHOUGH POST PLANS TO CONTRACT INTERPRETER, REQUEST EVAL-
UATION OF DEGREE OF SPANISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OF PARTICIPANTS.

5. LOCAL SUPPORT NOT AVAILABLE. RECOMMEND EACH PARTICIPANT
BRING FUNDS TO COVER NINE DAYS AT LOCAL PER DIEM RATE OF
\$38. POST WILL PAY TRANSPORTATION TO MARACAIBO, WHERE
LODGING MAY BE PROVIDED.

6. ADVISE IF ANY GROUP MEMBERS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SPOUSE.
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